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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Donald W. Allen et al

Serial No. 09/625,893

Filed: July 26, 2000

SMOOTH SLEEVES FOR DRAG AND VIV
REDUCTION OF CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURES

Group Art Unit: 3673

Examiner: K. Mitchell

November 29, 2001

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 29, 2001

Hon. Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Attorney for Applicants in the above caption application hereby respond to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2001. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-6 were pending. Attorney is concurrently submitting an Information Disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and the required fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

AMENDMENTS

Attorney hereby submits the following amendments to the application. Redlined versions of the amendments are attached hereto as Appendix A.